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To: A16.A16(rm8775)  
Date: 7/31/96 3:19am

RE: Goodtimes virus

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Hello,

I received email today saying that the FCC has recently released a warning about the above virus.

I'm told by some, that this was a bogus virus.

Could you tell me what you know of it? And whether or not it is real?

I attach the message as sent to myself.

Many thanks,  
Steve

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>To: g.leblanc-smith@cat.csiro.au  
>From: glenmack@thehub.com.au (glennys mackay)  
>Subject: Re: Fwd: [Fwd: : FCC WARNING: eMail Virus]  
>Cc: >Bcc: >X-Attachments: >  
>>From: glenmack@thehub.com.au (glennys mackay)  
>>Subject: Re: Fwd: [Fwd: : FCC WARNING: eMail Virus]  
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>>>To: timewalk@pixi.com  
>>>From: glenmack@thehub.com.au (glennys mackay)  
>>>Subject: Re: Fwd: [Fwd: : FCC WARNING: eMail Virus]  
>>>Cc: >>>Bcc: >>>X-Attachments: >>>  
>>>>To: g.leblanc.smith@dem.csiro.au  
>>>>From: glenmack@thehub.com.au (glennys mackay)  
>>>>Subject: Re: Fwd: [Fwd: : FCC WARNING: eMail Virus]  
>>>>Cc: >>>>Bcc: >>>>X-Attachments: >>>>  
>>>>>To: murrayb@kiwi.gen.nz  
>>>>>From: glenmack@thehub.com.au (glennys mackay)  
>>>>>Subject: Re: Fwd: [Fwd: : FCC WARNING: eMail Virus]  
>>>>>  
>>>>>>Forwarded message:  
>>>>>>From: shawn@mind.net (shawn hibbard)  
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>>>>>>  
>>>>>>To: HavenBear, Kyle Alans  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>Forwarded message:  
>>>>>>>Subj: Fwd: FCC WARNING: eMail Virus  
>>>>>>>Date: 96-07-26 19:09:20 EDT  
>>>>>>>From: SWalt10001  
>>>>>>>To: Aes Sedai, Aphraditee, Asakku  
>>>>>>>To: Balder, Bare Essn, Blacklust  
>>>>>>>To: Blkpnthr, Broceliand, Chainsaw32  
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>>>>>>>>Ok folks, I got this from Chat wKathy. read it, it is a really bad virus.  
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>>>>>>>>Scott  
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>>>>>>>Subject: VIRUSES: IMPORTANT PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY there is a computer Virus.
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>>>>>>>that is being sent across the internet. If you receive an e-mail message
>>>>>>>with the subject line "Good Times", DO NOT READ the message, DELETE it
>>>>>>>immediately. Please read the messages below. Some miscreant is sending
>>>>>>>email under the title "GOOD TIMES" nation wide, if you get anything like
>>>>>>>this, DON'T DOWN LOAD THE FILE! It has a virus that rewrites your hard
>>>>>>>drive, obliterating anything on it. Please be careful and forward this
>>>>>mail
>>>>>>>to anyone you care about.
>>>>>*****
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>>>>>>>WARNING! !!!!!!!!!!!!! INTERNET VIRUS
>>>>>>>*****
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>>>>>>>SOME MENTALLY RETARDED CRETIN RELEASED DANGEROUS VIRUS ON
E-MAIL MOST DESTRUCTIVE "GOOD TIMES: WARNING DO NOT LOAD>!
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>>>>>>>the FCC released a warning last Wednesday concerning a matter of major
>>>>>>>importance to any regular user of the Internet. Apparently a new computer
>>>>>>>virus has been engineered by a user of AMERICA ON LINE that is unparalleled
>>>>>>>in its destructive capability. Other more well know viruses such as
>>>>>>>"Stoned", "Airwolf" and "Michaelangelo" pale in comparison to the prospects
>>>>>>>of this newest creation by a warped mentality. What makes this virus so
>>>>>>>terrifying, said the FCC, is the fact that no program needs to be exchanged
>>>>>>>for a new computer to be infected. It can be spread through the existing
>>>>>>>e-mail systems of the Internet. Once a computer is infected one of
>>>>>>>several
>>>>>>>things can happen. If the computer contains a hard drive, that will most
>>>>>>>likely be destroyed. If the program is not stopped, the computer's
>>>>>>>processor
>>>>>>>will be placed in an nth-complexity infinite binary loop--which can severely
>>>>>>>damage the processor if left running that way too long.
>>>>>>>Unfortunately, most novice computer users will not realize what is
>>>>>>>happening
>>>>>>>until it is far too late. Luckily, there is one sure means of detecting
>>>>>>>what
>>>>>>>is now known as the "Good Times" Virus. It always travels to new computers
>>>>>>>the same way in a text e-mail message with the SUBJECT LINE reading
"GOOD
>>>>>>>"TIMES". Avoiding infection is easy once the file has been received simply
>>>>>>>by
>>>>>>>NOT READING IT! The act of loading the file into the mail server's
ASCII
>>>>>>>buffer causes the "Good Times" mainline program to initialize and execute.
>>>>>>>The program is highly intelligent--it will send copies of itself to
>>>>>>>everyone
>>>>>>>whose e-mail address is contained in a receive-mail file or a sent-mail
>>>>>>>file,
>>>>>>>if it can find one. It will then proceed to trash the computer it is
>>>>>>>running
>>>>>>>on. The bottom line there is--if you receive a file with the subject line
>>>>>>>"Good Times", DELETE it immediately! DO NOT READ IT! Rest assured that
>>>>>>>whoever's name was on the "From" line was surely struck by the virus. Warn
>>>>>>>your friends and local system users of this newest threat to the
Internet!
>>>>>>>It could save them a lot of time and money.
>>>>>>>COULD YOU PASS THIS ALONG TO YOUR GLOBAL MAILING LIST AS WELL?

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>>>>>>>PLEASE TAKE CARE!  
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>>>>>>>Only those who see the invisible can do the impossible  
>>>>>>>It is because we believe the impossible to be possible  
>>>>>>>that we end up accomplishing the unbelievable!  
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>>>>>>>dornb@mailbmts.com  
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>>>>>>>-----  
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**From:** Clifford K. Morin <Cliffkm@AOL.com>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8777)  
**Date:** 7/30/96 10:33pm  
**Subject:** FCC involvement in the Internet phone mail

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I think this is just another example of the government trying to regulate the common people for the benefit of large companies. The overriding fact is that you, the FCC, can only regulate U.S. participation on the Internet. As I'm sure you are aware, there are as many or more users outside of this country and I doubt that the FCC has any influence with these users.

Clifford K. Morin

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